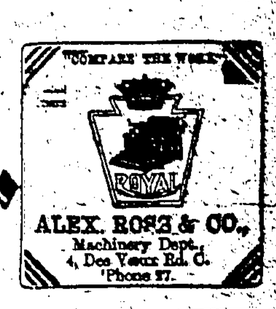


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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRESIDENT WILSON.

LONDON, December 15.

The *Daily Mail* gives prominence to an article on a "distinguished American politician." Referring to the mystery surrounding President Wilson it points out that since his illness no more than a dozen persons, including doctors, have been allowed to see him. Viscount Grey is returning because it is impossible for him to present his credentials. It says that President Wilson is in a state of nervous depression, requiring the maximum quietude. It concludes by saying that as a potent factor in affairs of state President Wilson is practically eliminated.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN RETIRING.

OTTAWA, December 15.

It is reported that Sir Robert Borden is retiring shortly owing to his health. He will be succeeded by Minister Meighen.

THE NEW S.S. GOVERNOR.

HAS AUDIENCE AND KISSES HANDS.

LONDON, December 15.

The King gave audience to Sir Laurence Guillemard who kissed hands on his appointment as Governor of the Straits Settlements.

PANSY DAY.

EFFORT FOR DEVASTATED FRANCE.

There were not many people to be seen in town this morning without a pansy or a medal—in most cases both—for the energetic flower sellers had seen to it that every passer-by was stopped and requested to show cause why he should not add his quota to the fund for War Devastated France. The pansies found ready buyers and were the work of the ladies of Hongkong's Portuguese community. The medals bore the words "Journee Francaise secours National." Mrs. Montagu Harston was in charge of the sale and spent a busy time yesterday distributing the flowers, baskets and tins.

Those selling pansies were:—

Lower Tram Station.—Mrs. Matheson and Mrs. Neilage Brown.
Hongkong Club to Butterfield & Swire's.—Mrs. Joseph Taylor, Miss Hewitt and Mrs. Redmond.
Law Courts and Prince's Building.—Mrs. Wakeman, Mrs. Timmis, and the Misses Scott Harston.
H.K. and S. Bank to Ice House Street, Des Vœux Road.—Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Keith Chatham, and Miss Wolfe.
Bottom of Battery Path.—Mrs. Syme Thomson and Mrs. Mitchell.
Queen's Road, Ice House Street to Flower Street.—Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Biggar and children.
Flower Street.—Mrs. Hallifax and Mrs. Beavis.
Hongkong Hotel.—Mrs. and the Misses Grimble.
Des Vœux Road, Ice House Street to Cook's.—Mrs. Lauder and Mrs. Davidson.
Jardine's to P. & O.—Mrs. Bonnar and children, Miss Annie Silva, Miss Olga Roza, Miss Phyllis d'Almada, Miss Marie Sousa, Miss Lolita Sousa, Miss Aurea Sousa and Miss Bertha Carvalho.
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Hongkong University.—Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Earle.
St. Stephen's College.—Mrs. Hewitt.
Glenealy and Caine Road.—Miss Elfrida Osmund and Miss Beatrice Castro.

THE MASKED BALL.

The *China Mail* hears that tickets for the Masked Ball at the Volunteer Parade Ground on the 19th (in spite of the fact that they cost $5 each) are going like the proverbial hot cakes, and that all the world and his wife will be there is certain. Several enthusiastic promoters of this worthy charitable enterprise are asking large parties of guests to dine and go on to the ball together, either all dressed alike or in costumes mutually recognisable. As Mark Twain's "strawberry mark on the left arm" will possibly not be on view as identification it will be interesting to see what means will be taken to ensure a disguise which will be no disguise to one's particular cronies.

Dominoes of any colour or material, but preferably of cotton, are to be worn, and donned, together with a mask, over one's ordinary evening clothes in the dressing room, on the evening of the ball at the Volunteer Headquarters.

These dominoes can be easily made at home, as they are shaped for both sexes alike, more or less like an evening cloak, or even a dressing gown, with a hood to cover the hair. The various posters about the town show several types of the kind of thing expected. They can be run up in an hour or two at home, or made by any Chinese tailor for very little—in fact, economy in this regard is asked for. Ah Men in Queen's Road has patterns of materials, and cut, if intending participants fear to tackle the job unaided.

Prizes, consisting of (1) A Silver Liqueur set (given by Messrs. Ullmann) (2) 2 Silver Scent bottles (given by Messrs. Sennet Freres), and (3) a Hammered Silver bonboniere (given by Wang Hing), will be awarded to the three most original and prettiest dominoes. The judging will be done by Lady Rees-Davies and the Hon. Mr. Claude Severn, and the latter will present the prizes when the masks are removed at midnight.

WHY HONGKONG POLICE SHOULD BE WELL PAID.

Hongkong police should be well paid because, unlike higher officials, they are seldom allowed to live long enough to get their pensions.

It is said that in 18 years only one detective has actually drawn pension.

It must be a comfort to be able to look forward to a pension, but it is better to have the spending of the money. Give them some on account.

At the usual Christmas dances on December 24, 25, and 26 (see advt. columns) there is to be an extra attraction this year. The Misses Aileen and Doris Woods (who had such a success at the Hongkong Hotel tea dance yesterday) have been engaged to give a musical number at each dance, from their extensive and up-to-date repertoire.

THE MASKED BALL.

An event which is being looked forward to with immense anticipation is the Masked Ball which takes place to-night on the Volunteer Parade Ground. A representative of this journal visited the place this morning and found a squad of electricians busy fixing up the wiring for the lights while other workers were engaged in beautifying with flags the big matshed which has been erected. The dancing-floor is of considerable dimensions, and though unpolished when seen during the morning, seemed to have been well laid down. To-night's function should be a brilliant and happy one. Dominoes of any colour or material, but preferably of cotton are to be worn, together with a mask, over ordinary evening clothes. Unmasking will take place at midnight. The prizes consist of a silver liqueur set (presented by Messrs. Ullmann), silver scent bottles (given by Messrs. Sennet Freres), a hammered silver bonboniere (given by Wang Hing), which will be awarded to the three most original and pretty dominoes. Lady Rees-Davies and the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn will be the judges and the latter will present the prizes after the dancers have unmasked.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

HAVAS REVIEW.

PARIS, December 13th.

A Havas message says:—

M. Clemenceau discussed outstanding peace problems with Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour and Lord Curzon. Both Premiers are said to be in full agreement regarding Germany. One of the most important subjects discussed was Russia. Other questions were the attitude of Germany to the Peace Treaty, the world's money deadlock, hostility in the United States to the present League of Nations scheme, and France's need of British coal.

The United States Government and financiers are debating the possibility of quoting French rentes on the New York Stock Exchange.

A Bill restricting the employment of foreigners and foreign capital in French hotels will be brought before the Chamber of Deputies. It will be illegal for any hotel to employ a foreign manager, have more than one third foreign capital, or hire more than one third foreign servants.

A Commission of French experts is visiting Vienna for the purpose of selecting certain of the Hapsburg art treasures as pledges for the financial loan by the Allies to Austria.

The newspapers hint openly that the question of an Anglo—Franco—Italian post war alliance is being debated.

Cardinal Mercier, interviewed, said:—"I do not believe that the Americans will fail to come to France's aid economically, and, if need be, militarily. I am convinced that the United States will remain good and faithful to the Allies whatever happens."

Cardinal Mercier was received by President Poincare at the Elysee to-day.

The American Peace Delegates—Messrs. Frank L. Polk and Henry White and General Bliss—sent a message of appreciation and loyalty to the French people.

They said:—We leave you with deepened friendship. The flame of our friendship will grow even brighter in our common struggle for right. The principles of settlement, like our common sacrifices in the war, will become a noble tradition to our people."

Paris circles state that the greatest cordiality exists between the British and French Premiers, Great Britain showing an excellent disposition to meet France's views and requirements.

M. Clemenceau's invitation to the American Ambassador to participate in the discussion indicates the probability that American collaboration is counted upon in financial and economic measures which will include a plan for restoring the parity of the pound sterling and the restoration of the value of the franc in the British and American Exchanges.

It is significant that the United States and Italy were represented at yesterday's sitting. There is every probability that unity of action will be restored.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS

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WORLD AERIAL DERBY COMMISSION IN PEKING.

PEKING, December 18th.

Commodore L. D. Beaumont (president), Major O. J. Glidden (Executive Secretary), and Mr. Benjamin Hillman, of the Commission appointed to organise the first Aerial Derby round the world, under the rules of the Federation Aeronatique Internationale, have arrived in Peking to make arrangements regarding the flights.

[The Commission has been appointed by the Aero Club of America and the Aerial League of America to organise the first Aerial Derby around the world and proposes to visit the countries which participants in the race will touch in the course of their flight. The Commission will select safe and suitable landing places, organise Committees and appoint referees in the various cities throughout the world to check the arrival and departure of aircraft. Incidentally, the Commission will also collect data for establishing permanent aerial lines around the world.]

VIGNETTES OF HONGKONG.

IX.

My dachshund is growing up (or, more strictly, *along*) and a few days ago I decided to take the consequent and necessary steps. Leading the animal on a chain, I went down the hill.

"What is this?" he asked.

"A Whippet," I replied.

"Remember," he cried with raised forefinger, "that anything you may say will be taken down, revised somewhat, and used against you. Also remember that you are guilty until you are proved innocent. You said a Dachshund. This is a *German* dog."

I saw the gleam of bayonets outside the door, and sensed the click of handcuffs. "This dog is British," I said. "I have taught him to growl at the word 'Kaiser.'" The beast growled.

"You admit the dog is German," he went on, writing rapidly, "it is a dangerous animal, having growled at me, your demeanour is suspicious. Sit down in that room until I have looked up your record."

My dog and I are still waiting behind the fixed bayonets, and I only smuggled this out by bribery with a copy of the *China Mail*.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th December, 1919, until SATURDAY, the 20th December, 1919, both days inclusive.

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General Managers.

Hongkong, December 5, 1919.

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ENTRIES are invited for a NOVICES COMPETITION (all Weights) to be held on or about the 10th day of January, 1920, to be conducted under the Competition Rules of the National Sporting Club, subject to such variations therein as may be made by the Boxing Committee of the above Association.

Weights to be N. S. C. Standard Weights.

Entries will not be accepted from any man who has (a) **won** any Open Novices Competition, or (b) **taken part in** any Contest or in any Open Competition other than one for Novices.

Entries must be made at or before 12 Noon on FRIDAY, December 24 and be addressed to the undersigned.

J. C. WILDIN,
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Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 17, 1919.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 1919.

S. J. CLAYE,

NOTICE.

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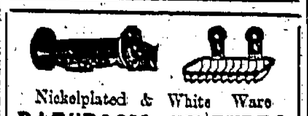
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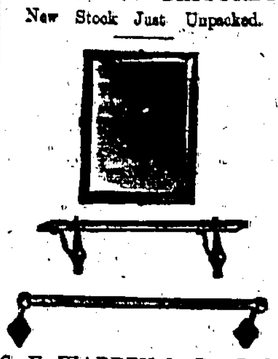
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THE UNWRITTEN PEACE POEM.

AMERICAN SYMPATHIES WITH DR. BRIDGES.

The question of a peace poem raised some time ago in the House of Commons by Mr. Bottomley, who suggested that "as part of the Poet Laureate's official remuneration consisted of cash payment in lieu of a supply of Canary wine, the Government might furnish the wine on the chance of the Laureate getting an inspiration," has been commented upon by some of the American papers. Sympathy with the Laureate is expressed by the *New York Evening Mail*, which says:—

There is something to be said for the silent successor of the voluminous Alfred Austin. Masterpiece of song cannot be produced on order, as a pair of shoes, or a beer barrel, or a piece of genuine Colonial mahogany furniture are made. Parliament is mistaken if it imagines for a moment that, for an allowance of £500 a year, a poet laureate can soar in the empyrean or ride a hard bitted Pegasus to the Olympian heights—just like that on the spur of the moment. But it is so long since a poet laureate has produced a masterpiece of song that the most exacting Parliament could not expect a reversal of tradition from Dr. Bridges. The last poet laureate who produced anything even approaching a masterpiece was Tennyson. The last great piece of verse that has been produced by a British poet was Kipling's "Recessional," which was published after the great pageant of the coronation of Edward VII. But Kipling is not a laureate. He is just a common or garden poet, who wrote what he felt and happened to feel it at the right moment in that instance. As to the successors of Tennyson, including the silent Dr. Bridges, the less said the better. The realisation of that fact is, perhaps, the explanation for the muteness of Dr. Bridges' official muse—Parliament or no Parliament, victory or no victory. For his wise decision to refrain from smiting his bloomin' lyre of mediocrity, Parliament gives him, not censure, but a vote of thanks.

The *New York Globe* sees "a real impertinence" in the assumption that poetry can be yoked to an institution, democratic or imperial, and called to pull in a given direction. The *Globe* says:—

The thing is impossible. Poetry is not poetry when tamed, but a restatement of accepted theories. And when it is real, as once in a hundred years it is, no money will pay for it, no man or institution can hold it in check. It strikes like lightning, to destroy and illumine. We need a blinding flash nowadays to reveal where we are and tell us where we want to go. We have science at hand capable of realising all our dreams for us, but we are without a clear vision of what we want to do. Decidedly if we could get vision at the price of a hogshead of Canary or a butt of Malmsey there would be no excuse for hesitation. We could repeal prohibition without a qualm. But a prophet is not to be had for a price, nor a poet for any sort of marketable produce.

INTERNATIONAL SAVINGS SOCIETY.

NEW BUILDING AT SHANGHAI.

The *N. C. Daily News* of Dec. 10 says:—

An interesting and artistic building is that which will be formally opened by the International Savings Society at their new offices in Avenue Edward VII this morning. Carried out in an application of the Renaissance style and deriving some inspiration from the Pallazo Valmarena, Verona, the new building, which was designed by Mr. R. A. Curry, of Shanghai, is a further striking departure from the "compradoric" style of architecture which has only recently been departed from in the buildings which have been recently erected on the Bund and in some of the other thoroughfares.

Of a splendid simplicity the facade presents a Corinthian pilaster effect with a shield in the centre bearing in incised gold characters the Chinese name of the firm, while the front entrance shows a Greek classical influence with bronze doors harmonizing well with the general scheme. Inside the vaults are supported on half Doric columns the dark green imitation marble of which is effectively contrasted against the white walls.

There are in all three storeys, but the principal offices of the Society are to be found on the ground floor, including the banking rooms, bookkeeping department, vaults, executive directors' offices, counters, etc. The woodwork throughout is of light oak handsomely carved in a style agreeable to the whole design of the building and this with dull bronze metal fixtures goes to make up a very artistic whole. An interesting feature of the flooring is the black and white figures of the Zodiac carried out in a most attractive manner, beginning with the seventh constellation, Libra, and running through Scorpio, Capricornus, Pisces, Aries, Taurus, Cancer and Leo.

Occupying as it does a plot of land with a frontage on Avenue Edward VII of 56 ft. and the depth of 155 ft. the new offices are such as to deserve the warmest congratulations not only for the Society but also to the architect, for the effect obtained is not only highly artistic, but again proves the contention of present day architects that it is possible to make use of the old architectural standards without in any way interfering with the modern arrangements desired in every new office building.

A VICAR'S UPHILL FIGHT.

WIFE BECOMES WAITRESS.

A sad story of a vicar's fight to live on small incomes and his wife being driven to work as a waitress in London was told in the Bradford Bankruptcy Court, says the *Daily Chronicle*.

The debtor was the Rev. J. B. Chaplin, vicar of Hubberholme, Buckden, whose estimated liabilities were £906 and estimated assets £39.

After several years spent in Burmah, he said he returned to England, and secured a curacy at Warrington at £140 a year. In trying to furnish a home he obtained furniture by instalments, but unfortunately resorted to moneylenders.

He held curacies afterwards at Swinton (Yorkshire) at £160, at Stoke for £120, was chaplain at a workhouse in the Isle of Wight for £120, and house curate at Bucknall and Hagnall at £150.

SEVEN MONEYLENDERS.

At the latter place he purchased a house on the instalment system, and when he left sold it at a loss, being now responsible to a second mortgagee for £120.

He became vicar of Hubberholme in 1916 at £200 a year. He had dealt with seven moneylenders, and during the last five years he had made himself liable for £530 interest. He had no extravagances.

Mr. Chaplin concluded: "I have four children, three at Bury St. Edmunds and one in London, and in order to keep them in a reasonable way my wife has been out sick nursing, and is now engaged as a waitress in London to keep the pot boiling."

In order to educate his children he and his wife had had to suffer from the want of the bare necessities of life. He had sold his furniture and effects, and had been living practically without furniture.

NOT A BANKRUPT.

At the conclusion of the examination the Official Receiver said: "I stand beside this debtor, who has been faced with the alternative of starvation of his wife and his children or of resorting to moneylenders. If the Church and other denominations don't see that their clergy are better paid, if Christianity does not compel them to do it, then humanity ought, and we should not have people of education faced with such a horrible alternative.

The Registrar said it was a most painful thing for a man in the position of the debtor to have been taken into that court. It did not reflect well upon the condition of payment to the clergy. He had heard nothing to the discredit of Mr. Chaplin, whom he would not call bankrupt.

The examination was closed.

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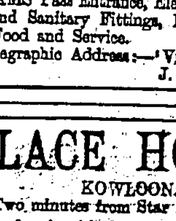
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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that Sealed Tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES", will be received at this Office until Noon MONDAY, the 22nd day of December, 1919, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year from the 1st January, 1920.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

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(2)	Do 8	4.60	1,200.00	200.00
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	Ngau Tau Kok No. 6	2.22	800.00	130.00
	Do Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20 & 25	10.80	2,100.00	350.00
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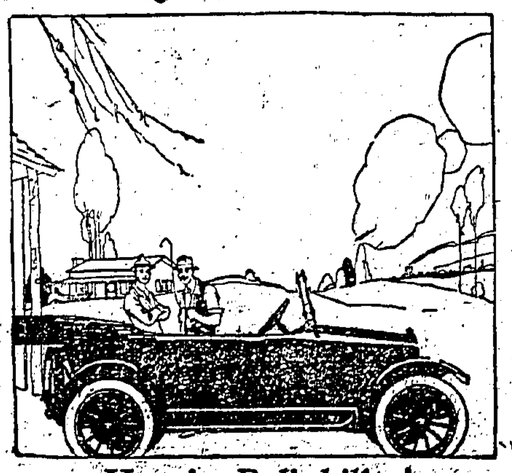
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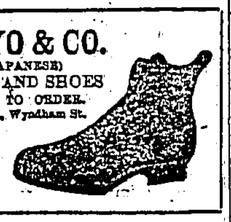
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1 „ Madeira.
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1 „ Spey Royal Whisky.
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½ „ Orange Brandy, M. B. R.

CASE No. 3—$30.

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DEATH.

MESNY.—On December 11, at Hankow, General William Mesny, of the Chinese Imperial Army, aged 77.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, Dec. 19, 1919.

ADVERSARIA.

EGOTISTIC. In response to a number of readers who demand "more of those literary articles," which they have the good taste to admire, the ensuing notes were produced, on 1839 French brandy, and with the best available ink, during the night watch when Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Neptune, and their fellow conspirators, were pulling the beard of Old Sol. It is an awful thought that had the world come to an end yesterday morning, these observations would have been lost for ever. As it is, they now stand a chance of being quoted when our obituary notice comes to be written by an admiring and rather envious posterity. Incidentally, it makes our job easier. We would rather talk about literature (which is our life) than about politics or business, in which we take no real interest. It is also safer, because it annoys not the authorities.

MAINLY ABOUT POETRY. A good Hongkong friend startled us the other evening by remarking that humorous verse represents a prostitution of a lofty medium. He would reserve poetic expression for high thoughts. Our disagreement was immediate, forcible, and frank. What he meant by high thinking was sentimental emotions, passionate feelings, that sort of thing. Such emotions may be the mustard at the banquet of life; when indulged in excessively they certainly make people weep; but humour is the indispensable salt. That's for that. Incidentally, he showed disrespect of a medium, namely, good prose, which we hinted yesterday to be superior to poetry, and which to-day we hope to prove is a higher art. There is (to start fairly with a definition) a great deal in Wordsworth's explanation of poetry as "emotion remembered in tranquillity." That is the definition we accept. It means that the emotion is no longer an emotion, but merely a memory.

MEDIUM OF EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION. Prose is the universal medium of emotional expression. Music may express a mood, or at least seem to fit it. So may poetry. Neither can express an emotion. The delay inevitable considered technique kills the spirit. No London lady in 1918 ran to the telephone, there to stand, with finger on furrowed forehead, meanwhile keeping the Exchange operator waiting, while she measured out dope like this:

Give me, O Central, two-two-three-four,
My husband's office: I'm in terror sore.

Nor, having got connection, did she ever continue:

Hurry, darling, hurry! Home quickly fly.
Noisy death is falling, raining from the sky.

We believe we are reasonably safe in denying that any such incident did or could occur. Many wives did ring up their husbands, crying, "Come home. There's an air raid on." Prose is the simple, natural medium of all real emotion. Any genuine cry of the heart that scans does so fortuitously.

AN EXCUSE FOR POETRY. We are always ready to admit some excuse for poetry. It needs it. Long ago we read in a London magazine a brilliantly written and well conceived essay in which the exceedingly able writer argued that its mnemonic value is about the only real excuse for poetry. As the writer was ourself, we may hasten without making any bones about it to say that we entirely agree with him. Beyond its trick of rendering ideas less fugacious than they might be if expressed in less easily memorized prose, poetry has no particular merit. The meticulous care with which it is written and revised may possibly lead to more aptly and happily chosen epithets; but that is arguable. Similar pains may be taken with prose, when it is not written for a daily paper in a hurry. When the Bard of Bacon made that unkind remark about the man who hath no music in his soul, he wasn't thinking of poetry. Poetry is only musical incidentally, and sometimes.

WORDSWORTH. Having credited Wordsworth with a good definition, and thus shown that we bear no malice, it is permissible for us to say that he only flukes into musical rhythm when the Blue Moon shines. Shelley, who sneered at his stuff on the ground that in it "the pest of dullness holds its sway," might just as justly have mentioned the chronic stringhalt that characterises the average gait of the Lakeland Pegasus. One remembers the libel, moreover, on our friend Peter Bell, not because the reference to the primrose by a river's brim was poetry, but because it entangles its feet in one's grey matter just as "Thirty days hath September" does. Thus it is proven that harm may be by poetry wrought, when poetry springs from want of thought. For there is no denying that September, April, June and November do have thirty days, and all save February thirty-one, whereas it is shamefully unjust and unwarranted to assert, because Peter Bell does not publish poetic thoughts on primroses, that he lacks them. If we were a poet—even only a Wordsworthy one—we would be tempted to the *tu quoque*, thus:

So Peter by the river's brim,
A brainless Peter was to him,
And he was nothing more.

A LITTLE MORE EGOTISM. It is necessary to say here that we are no true lover of poetry of any sort. We do not wish to deceive the confiding reader. We read poetry because not to read it would make us a Philistine, a Boeotian; but we read it as prose, first for its ideas (few and indecently interred) and secondly for its phrases. A good epithet to us is like a mushroom in a meadow. Not being a Nebuchadnezzar, our admiration of the grass is more or less absent-minded, but we are fond of mushrooms, and even go the length of eating them. If Darwin had written his great and immortal thesis in metred lines, we might not have read it. If Rabelais had doled out our philosophy of life in stanza doses—but no! We cannot pursue this. The thought is full of shuddering horror. It is almost as dreadful as the mental picture of the present reader's shocking deprivation in case we had been obliged to present these unique observations lyrically.

TENNYSON'S TURN. Keep in the front of your mind our thesis, that the mnemonic facility afforded by poetry is really the feature that tickles you, and no esoteric beauty of high art whatever. Consider Tennyson's over-quoted verse about kind hearts and coronets and Norman blood. Regard his odorous comparisons. Would they stand the acid test of crystal clear and direct prose? Would they affect you even in the brief and ergo witty formula of the horse-race reporter? They would not. Perpend.

Kind-heart 1
Coronet 2
Simple faith 3

Norman-blood and Honest-doubt also ran.

That is really the general effect of his lines, and we should soon forget it without the rhymes. Perhaps that would not matter so very much after all. It might be possible to be kind husbands and firm fathers, working overtime at the office, and getting a rise in due course, even after forgetting all about that.

WE COULD BE POETIC. We could be poetic if we wanted to. We were born, not made. With Wordsworth's silly jingle about Peter Bell and the primrose still rankling in our mind, we took a piece of paper, and entirely without assistance, and in our spare time, we composed the following poem:

Every river has two brims
'Tween which it runs to sea,
And a yellow primrose on either
Reminds us of Disraelee.

Now, that is not only good, straightforward poetry, easily rememberable, and looking quite nice in print, like a pretty housemaid. It is also truthful, scientific, and packed with commonsense. It inculcates in the young and enquiring mind a desire to study English history and politics. Also geography, or physiography, or something. In view of all this, surely a little auctorial complacence is excusable.

AUSTIN DOBSON. By way of contrast, just compare it with Austin Dobson's lines "To an Intrusive Butterfly." What rot at the very outset! How could a dear little butterfly be regarded as an intruder? But no matter. Here are the lines:

I watch you through the garden walks,
I watch you float between
The avenue of dahlia stalks,
And flicker on the green;
You hover round the garden seat,
You mount, you waver

But there, that's enough to prove our point. Henley, himself a poet, thought those particular lines were "instinct with delicate observation, aptly and closely expressed." We don't. Certainly not. Take the very first line. Either the poet is taking a worm's-eye view of the intrusive insect, or the butterfly is burrowing instead of flitting. We know (from prose) that butterflies never burrow. We suspect strongly, though poets are often worms, that this one wasn't watching "through the garden walks." Next consider the second and third lines. The butterfly probably floated "along" those avenues, or "over" them, not "between" them. Here is the position mathematically put. 1 avenue = 2 rows of dahlias. The butterfly floated between rows, not between avenues, which would involve at least 4 rows.

WE TRY TO BE FAIR. Perhaps you think that hypercriticism? Very well. Let us be fair. Dropping that, we cannot possibly excuse that reference to hovering "round" the garden seat. "Hovering" means an aerial poise, not a progression. Nor butterfly nor even Captain Rosa Smith can hover circuitously. Yet Henley praised Dobson for the "precision of his verbs." Amazing.

COVENTRY PATMORE. Coventry Patmore went to some seaside place and wrote the following bosh:

Here in this little bay,
Full of tumultuous life and great repose,
Where, twice a day,
The purposeless glad ocean comes and goes
Under high cliffs, and far from the huge town,
I sit me down.
For want of me the world's course will not fail.

You get the obvious thought? Keith West would tell us it meant something mystical; but it is quite plain, really. He would have avoided glaring error, and expressed himself much more faithfully in prose, had he been satisfied to write in the Visitors' Book:

"At this place, where there is a little bay, in which the tide rises twice a day [fill in height in feet] and some high cliffs [ditto] I sat awhile because I was on holiday, and not expected at the office."

That would have been a human heart story we could all have appreciated. So true. So natural. The jingling, jangling, jarring injustice of calling the tide purposeless and glad, when any schoolboy knows that the daily brace of tides is for a purpose, one to make the moon rise, and the other to make it set, is a subject for severe censure, were it not that the maxim of *de mortuis nil nisi bonum* stands in the way.

A HORRID THOUGHT. The horrid thought suddenly occurs to us that you will never be able to remember all this invaluable information, seeing that it is not written in rhymed couplets. This is painful. You must really do your best, for

We have had brainstorms and we cannot sleep.
Our heart shall know nor peace nor pity yet;
For from us whirl, like clouds across a deep,
Great thoughts we would not like you to forget.

May we suggest that you would do well to clip it out and stick it in your scrapbooks, to re-read on high days and holidays? Thus our purpose would be served, and you would get the full value for your ten cents. Ten cents. Ugh!

JOHN KEATS. There are moods in which (we may as well confess it) we rather like Keats. He wrote a wonderful sonnet on the colour blue, which he called the life of heaven, the domain of Cynthia, the bosomer of clouds, the life of ocean and all its vassal streams, gentle cousin of forest green, beautiful in all the sweetest flowers, and great in a human eye. It happens that in the Keats mss. we have valuable evidence of the way such things are done, confirming Poe's frank exposure rather than Keith West's mystical theory. His first lines originally ran: "Blue! 'Tis the hue of heaven,—the domain Of Cynthia,—the bright palace of the sun." It is quite easy to follow the working of his mind in revision. Overlooking the charm of the alliteration, and that in a subsequent line he had "the life of waters," he thought "hue" too weak, too commonplace. Casting round for a stronger expression, and "essence" being barred, he substituted "life" for "hue." In our opinion he erred. In the second line he changed "bright palace" into "wide palace," which was a real improvement. So great an authority as Oscar Wilde, discussing other emendations, makes what we regard as amazing blunders.

OSCAR WILDE. "Ocean and all *his* vassal streams" was altered to "*its* vassal streams." Wilde thought this "difficult of explanation," and hazarded the poor guess that "it was due probably to a desire on Keats's part not to mar by any echo the fine personification of Hesperus" in "The tent of Hesperus and all his train." Keats is not averse from the echo as a rule. As we might stop to point out, were this essay not already so long, echolalia is part of the trickery of much poetry. The hesitation of Keats plainly concerned the doubtful gender of Ocean. Neuter was safer, and just as good, But Wilde's wildest remark concerned the last line:

. . . : But how great,
When in an Eye thou art alive with fate.

He said: "The *Atheneum* version inserts a comma after *art*, which seems to me a decided improvement, and eminently characteristic of Keats's method." [In passing, what surprising cliches are "decided improvement" and "eminently characteristic" for a writer of Wilde's calibre!] We prefer the omission of the comma. What does the reader say? With the comma, "when in an Eye thou art" seems to become a subordinate statement, and the main sentence is hung up without a verb, invertebrate.

TO READERS. There! If that doesn't sate your appetite for "literary" articles, let us hear from you again, and we will carry on. We think, however, the majority of our clientele will prefer the more usual political and social *olla podrida*, the scurrilous comment on the passing event, and so forth. Let them not be downhearted. It is their turn again to-morrow. The *China Mail*, don't forget, is *your* paper. It takes its colour from you. Your interests are its interests. Don't be shy about asking for what you want. In the words of some bygone person with far more sense than any poet, "If you don't see what you want in the window, ask for it."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 9s. 1½d.

No communicable disease in to-day's return.

Colonel A. G. Spencer is back in town. He is a commercial gent. now.

The Dockyard Recreation Club is giving a dance at the City Hall on the 26 inst.

Mr. B. Molino, Consul for Peru, and Mrs. Molino left the Colony by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru" yesterday.

A united Services League football meeting is to be held in the Victoria Barracks on Monday at 5.30 p.m.

Mr. Alabaster has been briefed for the defence in the *China Mail's* "contempt of court" case to-morrow.

Powell Ltd. will be open for X mas shopping until five on Saturday and until six on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

Messrs. Lane Crawford & Co. are keeping their establishment open until 5 p.m. to-morrow for the convenience of Xmas shoppers.

It is reported that three men have been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the escape of the prisoners from Victoria jail last Monday.

Four Chinese, who have received an English education, will be ordained by the Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong, at St. John's Cathedral at noon on Sunday next.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, after a few days in Hongkong, is away back to Shanghai. He was looking well. He left the Colony for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru."

Mr. P. M. Hodgson has resigned the Hon. Secretaryship of the Hongkong Cricket Club after many years of valuable service and his place is being taken by Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

The Hongkong University Medical Society held their sixth annual dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, last evening. Dr. McKenny presided and covers were laid for 60 guests.

Defence Corps.—Orders received too late for insertion to-day. They will appear to-morrow. Meanwhile, the only urgent item seems to be the Rifle League's practice shoot at King's Park at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow.

The following were amongst the passengers who arrived in the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Nile:" Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Garrison and Miss R. E. Garrison, Mrs. M. Gourdin, Mr. R. D. Fitzgerald and Mr. A. R. Madar.

Amongst those who left the Colony yesterday by the s.s. "Tenyo Maru" were General M. E. Willoughby, General C. D. Bruce, General and Mrs. Sharrill and son, Captain and Mrs. R. A. Williams, Captain and Mrs. L. Walker, Lieut. and Mrs. B. A. Thomson and Lieut. G. E. Marden.

The gunboats "Moth," Lieutenant-in-Command H. A. Simpson, D.S.O., and "Mantis," Lieutenant-in-Command H. T. C. Walker, which have taken part in the Archangel River Expeditionary Force as tenders to the "Fox," are ordered to be paid off into dockyard control at Sheerness, and to be refitted for service on the China Station. *United Service Gazette.*

Capt. J. Riepenhausen, who brought in the Blue Funnel steamer "Teiresias" yesterday, is one of the most famous commanders. There was quite an agitation against him at Home, before he was allowed to retain command. So far as the *China Mail* could follow the argument, they had nothing against him but his name. He should have changed it to Robinson, and there would have been no bother.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, a Chinese was charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of cigarettes and pleaded that he bought them. The Police said that as the result of enquiries made, it was discovered that the cigarettes were stolen from a cargo which arrived on the s.s. "Helenus." Mr. L. J. Pingriff, third officer of the ship, said that one of the boxes containing cigarettes was broken open and a large quantity of cigarettes was missing. His Worship passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

Spend your Evenings in a "WALLA WALLA" Launch.

SPECIAL CABLES.

TRANSAUSTRALIAN AVIATION.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.

Captain Ross Smith landed safely in the northern territory.

OBITUARY.

[CHINA MAIL SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.

Sir John Jackson, head of the great contractors for public works, such as the Manchester Ship Canal, Tower Bridge, Admiralty works (including Singapore harbour) is dead at the age of 68.

DEATH OF GENERAL MESNY.

An old China hand of repute has died in William Mesny (Wen-kao) of Shanghai, who was born in 1842 at Jersey, Channel Islands, and on completing his education at the National School, St. Ann's, Alderney, entered on a seafaring life. He came to China in 1860 and for a time lived in Hongkong. Two years later saw him engaged in blockade running on the Yangtsze. He was captured by the Taipings at Fushan-chen in November 1862, but was released the next year and joined the Imperial Maritime Customs at Hankow, where he later established the Hupeh Iron and Brass works. Volunteering for service he went to Szechwan and Kuiechow and in 1875 he was in Shantung as adviser to Governor Ting Pao-chen. During the next year he was offered the post of Secretary to the Chinese Legation. After serving as Superintendent of Arsenals in Kueichow he travelled through Szechwan, Tibet, Yunnan and Burma to India and Europe returning in 1878 as travelling companion to H. E. Siu, the first Chinese Minister to Berlin. Two years later he had the unusual distinction of having his ancestors posthumously canonised for three generations. After further service he was offered, but declined, an appointment as special attache to H. B. M. Legation, at Peking. In succeeding years he served in Yunnan, and Foochow, while in 1885 he became Superintendent of both arsenals at Canton. In the following year he was promoted Brevet Lieut.-General in the Chinese Army. During 1889 and 90 he twice went to north Anhwei on famine relief work. He was the author of Mesny's Micellany. His decorations were the "Hua-ling" plume and rank of Colonel and Knight Yeng of the Pa-tu-la. Marquis Tso-tang also recommended him for the 4th degree of civil rank.

A KEEN MASON.

General Mesny was a keen and enthusiastic Mason for over 40 years. Besides being a member of several craft Lodges, he was also a Royal Arch Mason and reached high office in Capitular Masonry. In 1907 he was Most Excellent High Priest in the Keystone Royal Arch Chapter, American Constitution.

SPORTS.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL HANDICAP.

In this Handicap last night G. M. Bayley—125 beat D. McKenzie Scratch. G. M. Bayley 250 D. McKenzie 234.

Chief Breaks, Bayley 16.15.14. At 9 p.m. W. G. Gerrard—125 beat K. Higashide—325.

Final Score:—Gerrard 250 Higashide 47.

In this game Higashide could not get going and Gerrard playing a very good game beat him on level points. Chief Breaks Winner 28.26.20.19. Higashide 31.19.17.16.

To night's games out to produce some good play. The games start at 6 p.m. C. Hatt—20 v. J. Foulds—150.

9 p.m. A. G. S. Morton—125 v. F. L. Cooke—125.

CRICKET.

K.C.C. v. STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS.

The K.C.C. v. Staff and Departments on K.C.C. Ground Saturday 20th Dec. at 2.15. p.m.

The following have been selected:—J. R. Robinson, A. A. Claxton, J. V. Braga, A. de Sousa, R. Pestonji, K. R. Macaskill, A. W. Ramsay, W. T. Elson, A. A. Brown, D. M. Goodall and L. J. Blackburn.

HARD COURT TENNIS LEAGUE.

Thursday 18th Dec. St. Stephen's College beat Dockyard R. C. by 65 games to 34.

Shann and Britton beat Pile and Crocker 8—3 beat Bearne and Spanton 8—3 beat Matthews and Matthews 8—3.

Martin and Chao Kuo Chun beat Pile and Crocker 8—3 lost to Bearne and Spanton 4—7 beat Matthews and Matthews 8—3.

Chan Hing Yeung and Hew Han Lee beat Pile and Crocker 7—4 lost to Bearne and Spanton 5—3 beat Matthews and Matthews 9—2.

THE MURDERED WARDERS.

EVIDENCE CONCLUDED YESTERDAY.

JURY TO RETURN VERDICT THIS AFTERNOON.

The following was the evidence taken yesterday afternoon after we had gone to press:

Mr. J. Eldridge, of the P.W.D., stated that he had inspected the jail doors and the implements alleged to have been used by the prisoners. He had also seen the detached portions of the lock.

The Coroner: Can you form any opinion as to how long it would take a prisoner to open the lock?

Witness demonstrated how the prisoner might have opened the lock, and stated that it would take about an hour with the tools he had with him. The work seemed to have been very recently done.

Warder Johnson stated that he assisted in removing Warder Speed to hospital. In one of the pockets of the Warder he found a pass key and another bunch of keys.

Mr. J. W. Franks, recalled, stated that the number of European officers allowed on the estimate was 28, including himself, the Chief Warder, four Principal Warders and 22 Warders. At present they were seven under strength. Of the remaining twenty-one, two warders were in Hospital and two were on long leave. On Monday there were only 11 persons on duty—ten during the day and one at night. That was only half the staff. They had also to send four men—two at night and two during the day—to the branch prison at Kennedy Town. The Indian staff at full strength was 18 warders, 36 assistant warders, and 26 guards. The actual strength at the present time was 14 warders, 20 assistant warders, and 23 guards. Of these, the number on duty at Kennedy Town was one Indian warder and eleven assistant warders. They were, therefore, altogether 3 Indian warders 5 assistant warders and three guards below strength. In addition, they had a staff of 12 Chinese guards, who were not permanent members of the jail staff, but were lent by the Police.

Mr. Starkey: Was Warder Speed armed with a loaded revolver?

Witness: Yes. It is the custom for the Principal Warder, when he goes off duty, to hand the revolver to the man who comes on duty.

Mr. Starkey: How long has the prison system been in force by which only one European is in charge at night?

Witness: It has always been so as far as I can remember. At one time, however, another European slept in the jail.

Mr. Starkey: I take it that he is the only European in the jail at night now?

Witness: Yes. The other man at that time never took part in patrolling.

The Coroner: When was that custom abandoned?

Witness: About 1915.

The Coroner: After Warder Speed's death, you had nine warders only available, also the Chief Warder and three principal warders. To answer an immediate alarm, however, there were only eight, as one of the warders lived some distance away.

Mr. Starkey: Is there no guard patrolling outside the jail walls at night?

Witness: No. Continuing, witness stated that in his opinion the occurrence was due to the shortage in the European staff. When they had the full European staff there was better supervision, and the Europeans saw that the work was done fairly. It was impossible to get the Indian staff to work with zeal and energy without European supervision. That probably explained how it came about that the prisoners were able to make daggers.

The Coroner: Make them?

Witness replied that it was possible that the prisoners might have made the daggers from old files used in the jail. The knife found on the Lusitano Club premises was a shoemaker's knife.

The Coroner: You mean a shoemaker's knife used in jail?

Witness replied that that was possible. There were a number of knives and files which were condemned to be destroyed, the prisoners might have made the daggers. Those should have been taken out and destroyed. In his opinion the jail was absolutely understaffed, and, therefore, there was a certain amount of lax supervision. They wanted a full staff for good supervision.

The inquiry was adjourned till to-day. The jury made another inspection of the jail.

The Coroner will sum up the evidence this afternoon, and then call upon the jury to return their verdict.

WHOOPING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

INDIAN MATRIMONIAL TROUBLE.

INSPECTOR KENT TO ACT AS PEACEMAKER.

Before Mr. Wood this morning, a Chinese lady sued her husband for maintenance, alleging that he had not given her any money since June 27, when he deserted her.

The defendant who is an Indian clerk employed at the Army Transport office said that the facts of the case were that his wife used to draw $30 per month from his salary. This continued until August when she went to live with her mother and refused to return to him. He consulted his "boss", Capt. Lammert, and was advised to write to her asking her to return to him. He wrote her two letters in August and warned her in one of them that if she did not return he would refuse to maintain her. She still refused to return home and he stopped giving her money. The defendant said that his wife had gone to live with her mother very often. Not for a day or two but for over a year.

The wife in the witness box said she lived in Anton Street. The defendant was her husband. She married him five years ago. There were two children of the union, a boy and a girl. She did not know where her husband lived now, but he used to live with an ex-prostitute in Yue Wah Street. Witness used to live with him at No. 104 Praya East. She went to her mother on the 5th moon (June) this year. She took her children with her. Her husband followed her to her mother's and lived with her there for some time. Then he took the prostitute and went to live with her, and refused to give witness any money. He left witness's mother's house in Anton Street on the 15th moon (June 12.) He paid her $30 in July, but had not given her any money since.

By His Worship: Her husband wanted her to live with his mother but she refused. He did not give her money not because she refused to live with his mother, but because he had taken this second "wife."

His Worship (to Insp. Kent): Do you know the parties?—I know the defendant very well, but I have not seen the lady before.

Asked if he knew anything about the defendant the Inspector said the defendant had given him much assistance in times of trouble. He had given very valuable information to the Police from time to time, and was a member of the Police Reserves; but he (the Inspector must say that the defendant used to frequent Spring Garden Lane and Sampan Street at all times of night.

The defendant said his wife left him on three occasions and he had every time allowed her to return. She was welcome to return this time if she wished to do so.

His Worship remanded the case until Monday and asked Inspector Kent to try, in the meantime, to effect a settlement. His Worship said he was opinion that both parties had erred, and he thought it best for them to try to settle the dispute out of court.

HONGKONG SHIPPING STRIKE.

The shipping strike at Hongkong is affecting Canton. Yesterday afternoon, the s.s. "Honam" was the only evening steamer running to Hongkong from there, others having been held up by the refusal of the European officers to take the boats out.

Members of the China Coast Officer's Guild and the Engineer's Guild met at the Astor House Hotel last evening to discuss the strike situation. The *China Mail* hears that there is a likelihood of the strike spreading to the whole of local shipping unless the demand for arbitration by the strikers is met. Individual firms have expressed willingness to adopt this course but apparently nothing has come from the Shipowners' Protection Association. The decision was confirmed that offers of arbitration could not be accepted until the whole of the companies concerned agree to it. This means that the river boats cannot be released until the Shipowner's Protection Association has agreed to arbitrate or to meet the demand for increased wages. Yesterday fifteen vessels were idle and that number has been increased to-day to fifteen river vessels and five coasting boats. There are over seventy men on strike. According to report the shipowners meet to-day to consider the position.

K.C.C. HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

The Kowloon Cricket Club, for the Christmas fixtures, have arranged a tennis match on Boxing Day after which the prizes won in the Tennis Tournament will be distributed. On Saturday 27, there will be a "friendly" cricket match on the K.C.C. ground, with the Navy. On Sunday 28 the Golf section has arranged an all-day match; England veraus Scotland, captained by Mr. G. H. May and Mr. G. Duncan respectively. Singles will be played in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon. Tiffin will be provided in the Club house.

FAREWELL CHAPEAU.

ANOTHER HAT GONE.

There was no saving it. It went. Its gone—for ever. I am suffering dreadful anguish. My very soul is torn with grief. I am wasting away. I am becoming a physical wreck. If Fate continues to use, me so badly I shall soon become a financial wreck.

It went—in a twinkling of an eye, like a flash. O! . . woe is me! How oft has many a man asked, and asked in vain, the question—'why is Fate so cruel, so relentless?' If one could have only seen it go it wouldn't have been so bad. One last fond look would have made it easier. I must dry my tears. My sorrow is great. I cannot bear it. It was one of my best friends—and so handsome—and so true, so splendid.—

O! that I might find that fiend incarnate who has caused me all these heart-rending pangs!

But no. There is no hope. I must be reconciled in despair. It has gone. Can it be replaced? Yes: perhaps it can. It cost thirteen dollars, and they tell me 'Shaws' have another one like it. But I would like to have my dear old hat back, and next time I pass through Wanchai—no Ricsha for me.

—WILLIAM HILL.

WAR DEVASTATED FRANCE.

The Committee of the Hongkong Fund for War-Devastated France regret to find that, owing to an oversight, at the time of Miss Van der Flier's lecture at the Theatre Royal in aid of the Fund, no acknowledgement was made in the Press of the fact that the Cinematograph performance illustrating the lecture was generously given free by Messrs Pathe Freres. This mistake is the more unfortunate as the Committee felt very grateful to the capable manager of the firm in Hongkong—M. Laverdure—for the personal interest he took in the affair and his efforts in the face of many difficulties (because of the strict laws in the Colony in regard to fire) to make it a success, and his having very kindly provided one of the best films of the evening—that of ruined Reims.

M. Laverdure has only recently returned to Hongkong, having served throughout the war in France, where he was on leave at its outbreak, and promptly volunteered. He saw service in the regions of the Somme, Aisne, and Marne, by a curious fatality being moved into each region at the time that the fighting there was hottest. He was twice wounded, once severely, and has the Croix de Guerre, with palms.

It may be mentioned here with what wholeheartedness the French community of the Colony have supported the cause of the distressed fellow countrymen in Hongkong's work on behalf of the sufferers in the war regions. Although numbering only about 50 people, few of them rich, they have quietly and unostentatiously helped in every way, doing their full share, and more. They raised over $750 for the cash prizes at the Gymkhana, and have contributed to every other undertaking by personal service as well as financially.

France, who throughout the war bore the brunt of the fighting, suffered under the heel of the invader, and who, with the help of her Allies, gallantly surmounted every obstacle, has no reason to be ashamed of her people's peace efforts on her behalf in Hongkong.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JAIL WARDERS.—We have considerable information in hand about the jail, the warders, their pay, etc., which we are holding over until after the inquest is done. It is not that comments on the jail are relevant to an inquest on the murders in it, but that some people might think they were. Our apologies to some outside helpers who expected comments this week.

H.—Stories of gentlemen going home late and having trouble with keyholes are barred. It happens so often that if we gave space to it we would have no room for anything else.

The Christmas fete in connection with the Civil Service Club takes place on Boxing Day, when Mrs. Chatham will give away the prizes from the tree. This function has been a popular feature of Xmas festivities for years and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon is assured.

UNNECESSARY WORDS.

WHY waste words and advertising space in describing the many points of merit in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? The most fastidious are satisfied when we state that it cures colds and coughs from any cause, and that it contains absolutely no narcotics or injurious substances. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

RE SHIPPING STRIKE.

[To the Editor of the *China Mail*.]

Sir:—In your Adversaria columns yesterday you state that you "don't believe in suppressing opinions because you don't happen to share them." That being so I feel confident you will publish the following questions which, I happen to know, the shipowners would like answered:—

Is it a fact that the large majority of deck and engine room officers employed by the "outside" shipping companies don't want to strike and are "going out" purely as a matter of allegiance to the Guilds?

Is it a fact that these men are making more money than the officers of the big companies?

Is it a fact that the men who do want to strike are men that cannot get jobs in any of the big companies because they are boozers?

Who inspired the strike and for what reason?

Is it a fact that some men who want jobs dare not take them because they are afraid of being boycotted later on?

Why were the meetings of the members of the Guilds held in private? If there was nothing to conceal would not the Press have been admitted? (The reason why the Shipowners Protection Association meetings were held in private was because they did not start the strike and also because they had information to discuss supplied by officers who were against the strike and were in honour bound not to disclose the names.

Is it a fact that the men who advocated a strike would, at the present time, or any other old time, strike on any pretext whatever provided the reliable men were willing to continue to subscribe to the Guilds and keep the loafers in Idleness?

Do you want the names of the men who could not get a job in any of the big Companies for the reason stated? If supplied will you publish them?—Yours etc.,

FAIRPLAY.

[Pending a possible reply from the Guild people, we answer those questions briefly. (1) It cannot be a fact that "the large majority" is doing something it doesn't want to do, unless it is collectively insane. It is against human nature. (2) We don't know what money the men are "making" but we know what wages they are not getting. (3) We don't know how many are boozers. (4) The strikers inspired the strike, for reasons already stated. (5) Probably. We don't love blacklegs. (6) Guild meetings are obviously private and professional affairs. That question, with its implications, is distinctly disingenuous. The gratuitous apology for the privacy of the owners' confabs is absurdly unnecessary. (7) We don't think the suggestion in this question is true; but we have no right to answer it. We don't know the men. (8) No. It would be an offence against the law to publish such names in that way. Our columns are open only to lawful things.—Ed. C.M.]

A GERM DESTROYER.

THERE is no danger whatever from lock jaw or blood poison resulting from a wound when Chamberlain's Pain Balm is promptly applied. It is an antiseptic and destroys the germs which cause these diseases. It also causes wounds to heal without maturation and in one-third the time required by the usual treatment. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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For Gibraltar:—15 cases silk piece goods; 1 case silk shawls.

For Marseilles:—100 bales waste silk.

For Port Said:—10 cases punjeem silk; 4 cases silk goods.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

MR. P. M. HODGSON, having resigned the Hon. Secretaryship of this CLUB the Committee have appointed the Undersigned, to whom all future communication should be addressed.

L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 18, 1919.

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FRIDAY,.....27th February
TUESDAY,.....30th March
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FRIDAY,.....28th May
TUESDAY,.....29th June
THURSDAY,.....29th July
MONDAY,.....30th August
WEDNESDAY,.....29th September
THURSDAY,.....28th October
MONDAY,.....29th November
THURSDAY,.....23rd December.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1919.

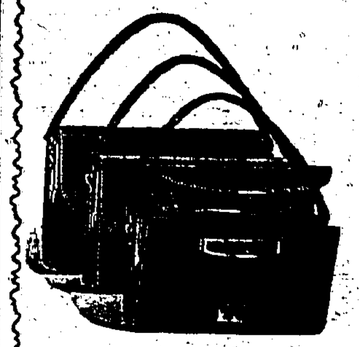
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The exhibition of British Manufactures at Athens (for Greece and the Levant) organised by the Federation of British Industries was opened for private view on Monday, October 13.

The formal opening by His Majesty King Alexander of Greece took place on Sunday, October 19. At the opening ceremony, Lord Granville, the British Minister at Athens, handed a golden key to King Alexander and thanked His Majesty for the interest he had taken in the exhibition.

King Alexander, in reply, stated that the exhibition was due in large measure to enthusiastic impressions gathered by the Greek Commercial Mission during its visit to Great Britain and expressed the hope that it would extend the commercial relations between the two countries and at the same time contribute to the strengthening and consolidation of the cordial friendship so happily existing between the two countries.

ORIGIN OF THE EXHIBITION.

Towards the close of 1918, a number of Greek business men visited the United Kingdom, in company with Major Kennard, who is the Federation of British Industries' Commissioner in the Near East, the object of this visit being to put the Greek business community in touch with British manufacturers. Greece, at the moment, is suffering from a lack of manufactured articles of all kinds and although she has lost little during the war there is a great shortage of all manufactured goods for which the countries in the Near East have relied in the past on Germany and Austria to supply. As a result of the visit, the Greek Commercial community came to the conclusion that the most effective way for British manufacturers to foster trade with the Levant was to hold an exhibition of British manufactures as soon as circumstances would allow. This idea received the cordial support of the Greek Government.

ORGANISING THE EXHIBITION.

The Federation of British Industries at once took active steps in the matter. They got into touch with their members, explained the situation and finding a very large number of important manufacturers prepared to support warmly such an exhibition, they proceeded with the organisation of the one which was held at the Zappeion, Athens, as mentioned above. Between 300 and 400 of the most important manufacturers of Great Britain exhibited, the total value of the exhibits alone exceeding £500,000. All classes of British manufactures were represented, the range of products extending from gramaphones to high power machinery.

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Mr. P. Bell, second engineer, "Kiukiang," has gone second engineer, "Ngankin."

Mr. J. Dixon, supernumerary second officer, "Kwongsang," has gone second officer, "Suiwo."

Mr. W. Ryden, second officer, "Suiwo," has gone second officer, "Waishing."

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Mr. H. W. Mills, third engineer, "Kwongsang," has gone acting second engineer, "Yusang."

Mr. E. Drury, supernumerary third engineer, "Choysang," has gone acting second engineer, "Koonshing."

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CRICKET NOTES.

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The R.G.A. went a step up in the League records by the win they scored last Saturday against Kowloon. They have now disposed of their strongest opponents in the League, and, unless they meet with defeat at the hands of the R.E. and Indian Army or the Staff and Departments, neither of which teams they can afford to despise, they will go through the season unbeaten. But it is never safe to prophesy in cricket, and one never knows but that the Indians, whom they are meeting on Saturday on the Sookumpoo Valley, may get the better of them, especially as Davies and Bryson are not quite so destructive on a matting wicket as they are on turf.

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Claxton's bowling was a very noteworthy feature of the R.G.A. innings. He was tried after Cochrane, Pestonji and Evans, and must have surprised even his own supporters by his deadliness. He clean bowled Mann, who had been playing genuine barn-door cricket, and took altogether six wickets for 12 runs in six overs, three of which were maidens. I wonder if Claxton, who has always been considered a batsman and a wicket-keeper, can always bowl like that. If so, he will prove of great use to the Hongkong C.C. in their coming matches against the Navy and the Garrison. But I am inclined to think it was only a flash in the pan.

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Olliver played a very fine innings indeed, treating the bowling with what may be termed smiling contempt. Talfourd had got set when Cochrane got behind his defence. Davies was just commencing to hit out when he was held by Evans off Claxton. Pragnell, who has presumably found a place in the eleven because he is a wicket-keeper, will no doubt be retained for some time by virtue of an unbeaten score of 13.

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The bowlers had the mastery of the batsmen during the Kowloon innings. Robinson and Goodall made half the score of their side, the former by hitting out with his customary freedom and the latter by an exhibition of steady cricket. Bryson was more successful than Davies; he kept a very consistent length, rendering excellent service to his side by beating Claxton when that fine batsman had only scored three. In failing light, Baines and Olliver went on to bowl. The former gave only one run in three overs, and the latter captured the last wicket, giving his side a victory by 46 runs.

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The League table is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.
R.G.A.	3	3.	0	0	9
Kowloon	3	1	1	1	4
Indians	3	1	1	1	4
Navy	2	1	1	0	3
Staffs	1	1	0	0	3
University	2	1	1	0	3
Civil Service	2	0	0	2	2
Hongkong C.C.	1	0	1	0	0
C.R.C.	3	0	3	0	0
Craigengower	0	0	0	0	0
R.E. and I.A.	0	0	0	0	0

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The following are the scores of over 40 and the noteworthy bowling feats performed in the League matches played so far:—

SCORES OF OVER 30.

A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C. v. Navy)	106
Major Bowen (Staff v. University)	84
A. E. Wood (C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.)	73
E. L. Braga (K.C.C. v. C.R.C.)	70
D. K. Samy (University v. I.R.C.)	55
Pay-Lt. Robinson (Navy v. I.R.C.)	53
J. D. Wright (University v. I.R.C.)	52
Lt. Sutherland (R.G.A. v. H.C.C.)	50
Lt.-Com. Creig (Navy v. C.R.C.)	50
D. M. Goodall (K.C.C. v. C.R.C.)	47
Capt. Olliver (R.G.A. v. K.C.C.)	45
B. W. Bradbury (C.S.C.C. v. I.R.C.)	43
R. Pestonji (K.C.C. v. C.S.C.C.	41
Q.M.S. Talfourd (R.G.A. v. C.R.C.)	40

BOWLING ANALYSES.

A. A. Claxton (K.C.C. v. R.G.A.)	6	for	12
F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C. v. K.C.C.)	4	,,	9
R. Pestonji (K.C.C. v. C.R.C.)	6	,,	23
Capt. Davies (R.G.A. v. H.C.C.)	9	,,	38
G. Lee (C.R.C. v. Navy)	6	,,	28
G. C. Earde (I.R.C. v. Navy)	5	,,	26
Capt. Olliver (R.G.A. v. C.R.C.)	6	,,	33

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Those who saw A. E. Wood's innings of 108 not out against the Hongkong Club last Saturday reckoned that it was one of that batsman's finest displays in local cricket. That is saying a lot for the man who put up such a noteworthy record last season. Wood's score of 73 against Kowloon the previous week was a first rate exhibition of clean, hard—but never reckless—hitting. It showed that he has thoroughly regained his form. The way in which he banged the bowling about on Saturday was an absolute treat to the spectators. His eye was so keen and his judgment so unfailing that I am sure it would have made no difference to him if he had been facing Brand or Donnelly or Johnstone, three of the Club's best bowlers who were not in the team.

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The event of the week, so far as the Club was concerned, was the reappearance of the captain, R. Hancock, after a period of nearly four years. Hancock is a veritable hero with the cricketing crowd, for like Pearce and Claxton and Wood and Bowen, he believes that offence is the best form of defence in cricket. Those in Hongkong who have seen Jack Crawford, Kenneth Hutchings or J. B. Hobbs bat will realise what I mean. Hutchings is now out of the cricket firmament. I believe he laid his life down in the war. I have seen him hit four sixers, a four and a two in succession off a bowler who spread-eagled the wickets of Warner and of one of the Gunns in the very first ball they faced—all in the same match.

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To return to Hancock, he played a magnificent game. The fortunes of the Club are bound to change now that he has come back into the leadership. I must not forget to pay a tribute to T. E. Pearce's splendid captaincy of the Club team during the last two years. Often it has been hard to get up a representative Club team, but Pearce had always been a cheerful and a capable leader.

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It was a happy thought of the Club to have fixed up a local triangular tournament for Christmas week; there is no doubt whatever that good cricket will be witnessed, especially if the "Hawkins" comes back in time to strengthen the Navy team. I expect the Club to do well, though they are, admittedly, weak in bowling. With frequent changes, Brand, Donnelly, Johnstone, Pearce and Claxton ought to prove sufficiently strong to take charge of the Club attack. The Club, fortunately, will be very strong in batting.

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Personally, I think the Garrison ought to carry off the honours. They have a winning pair of bowlers in Davies and Bryson, with Edwards, Olliver, Gray and Coles to follow on. I take it that Lieut. Sutherland will be given a place in the Garrison team and Lt.-Col. Wyndham.

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The Navy is, of course, a doubtful quantity. The "Hawkins" has yet to show that she has any first class cricketers. The "great" Bonham Carter has not yet made his appearance, though he had two opportunities of doing so. There is no reason why the Navy should not be able to select a representative team.

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The Staff and Departments had pretty much their own way against the Navy at Happy Valley last Saturday, though the Staff bowlers had to send down 35 over before they got the whole of the other side out. As the innings realised only 81 runs, it will be seen that the Navy played careful, if not monotonous, cricket, and might have gone on doing so all the evening had not Lieut. Hammond, a stranger to local cricket, been given the leather. Hammond dismissed the last four men very quickly for only six runs.

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The Navy bowling received scant respect from Lt.-Col. Coles and Major Bowen, who went in first and knocked it about till they had won the match. Bowen's innings was well worth watching. He just drove the ball wherever he liked, and brought off some magnificent shots. He has an average of 49 for his last five innings, surely a great record for a man of his age. Coles batted with comparative care.

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The match played on the Club ground yesterday showed that the Wiltshire Regiment has a very presentable cricket team. Lt.-Col. Wyndham, who used to play regularly for Wiltshire in the Minor Counties' Championship till the war commenced, Lieut. Beaven and Major Culver are their best men. The first named is undoubtedly worthy of a place in the Garrison matches for Christmas week.

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The R.E. and R.A. Officers did not exactly cover themselves with glory, although they did have the best of a drawn match. Neither Davies nor Sutherland should have reached 20 if the catches they offered had been taken. Bryson played good cricket. The fielding of the R.E. and R.A. officers was very much on a par with that of their opponents. Bleckley and Betts both had lives afforded them.

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Although Craigengower had the assistance of F. G. Thompson, U. Omar, L. E. Lammert, C. Kennedy, M. H. Abbas and S. Jex, all of their first team, they were just able to scrape a win over the Club de Recreio. And they nearly lost. The Portuguese Club had made 67 and Craigengower's first seven wickets fell for 21 runs. Then Lammert and Kennedy, in association, raised the score to the region of the fifties and Abbas made victory certain by his vigorous play. Finally, Craigengower won by two wickets and not by 17 runs as stated by an ignorant writer in the *Daily Press* on Monday.

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After a long series of defeats the Chinese second string scored a victory on Saturday last against the Kowloon second team. In this feat, they were helped to a great degree by Ho Wing Kin, who used to play regularly for the first team some years ago, and who made a very welcome re-appearance. He made 51 in his best style, and bowled with great judgment and accuracy. G. Lee was another who had a big share in the victory. He captured 20 runs by careful cricket and dismissed five of his opponents for a fraction over 4 runs each. Kowloon's batting was, in the circumstances, very poor.

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A big innings by a Chinese Labour Corps man passing through the Colony who was given a place in the R.G.A. second team in their match against the Civil Service second eleven was the only feature of that match. Henderson is a fine upstanding batsman who knows how and when to hit. He is, besides, a good length bowler; he sent down 16 overs in succession on Saturday, capturing 5 wickets for 46 runs. H. W. Sandford won the match for his side by scoring 45 runs with easy freedom.

INTERCEPTED LETTERS.

II.

Hongkong.

Ma dear Christina,

Ye'll lauch when A tell ye this. As ma Sassenach freen' Mrs. Fitz-James Jones Brown de Vere Smith wad say, A was ha'eing a real "slap up" tea pairty the ither day when that uncouth loon Wullie blawed in in his worrkin' claes sayin', "Wha's smokin' ma guid ceegars?" Talk aboot menners. He didna stop tae speir efter Mrs. F. J. J. B. de V. S.'s guid man, but rinned richt ower tae his wee table, took oot the box, an' then turrnt tae me "Maggie, ye upstart (A'll no say the richt worrd in a letter) wha tellt ye tae gie awa ony o' these guid yins? They're ma specials an' cost me ten cents each, an' A've got anither box unner they *China Mails* fur they chiels wha cam tae drink my whusky an' smoak ma ceegars." An ye wadna believe it, but mair'n haulf they wimmen walked oot, takin' wi them their haulf baked Jessie's o' men they ca' husbins; an' noo (this is what A dinna like), they wimmen winna ask me tae gaun tae them fur tea, an' A'll be sair oot o' pocket through it. What dae ye think o' that noo. A'm richt blazin.

Men are awfu'. They care fur naebody but their ain guts, an' that's no sayin' a' A'd like tae say. Ye see, Wullie has gotten in wi' a lot o' giddy young chiels an' gangs aboot wi' them tae the deetriment o' ma hoose money, an' he ought tae Ken better at his time o' life. He's been gaun tae they Chinese denners at nicht 'til A'm fair fed up. The last yin he went tae he cam hame in the middle o' the nicht or sometime waukin' me an' Jeanie. A hushed her aff again, an' when A turrnt roound there was Wullie sittin on the edge wi yin leg o' his trocs aff tryin' tae pit it on ower the ither. A' the time he was singin. A ken A'm no drunk; Maggie A tell ye A'm no drunk. So A tellt him tae gang tae the Deil an' tak him tae a Chinese denner an never came back. Onyway, he was a't richt the next morn except fur his breeth which was worse nor onions.

He's been better fur a week, but he's aff again the nicht an A'll bet ma buits he'll be roarin fu' when he gets hame.

This Hongkong is an awfu' place. A puir laddie was killt in the Jail by some hooligans wha'd be faur better deid or oot o' the Colony. Its an' awfu' shame, fur he'd gotten a wee bit wife an a wean wha were comin tae him soon. It gars me greet an' A wish A could dae something fur the pair lassie an her wean.

A wunner would ony o' the guid wives o' Hongkong gie me encouragement?

There's a michty lot o' gas aboot naething here. Yon wee lassie Graham—(ye ken her, Jean—the fat yin wha's engaged tae Wullie's brither Sandy) wrote a wee bittie poem thing tae the *China Mail*. She's awfu prood o' her schulin', for she got A dinna ken hoo mony prizes, an' there nae gettin awa frae it that she can write poems, an' noo there's the *China Mail* Editor an' a loon ca'd Keith West makin' an awfu' scandal aboot her, an' she's richt feard that Sandy'll hear aboot it an' gie her the sack. It's a muckle shame, an' A'll hae tae gang an' see them baith and gie them a guid taukin tae. As fur that West chiel, he started it, an' when A get him, he's gettin the awfu'est bat on the jaw that he's ever had, fur his impidence. Pair wee Jean.

A'm gan tae gie Wullie's freens a pairty in the holidays, but A'd gie ma new fur coat tae be hame fur Hogmanay. Oh, Kirstie, wha would bide awa if they thocht o' the New Year when they were comin' tae this place. Fat lot o' firsst footin we'll ha'e here. Haul the folk wha ought tae keep oor guid auld custom ha'e gotten reeligion awfu' bad, an' A've met vera few o' the ither haul so faur. Onyhow, A'm gaun tae Taikoo on Sunday, an' A'll surely meet somebody like oorsels.

We're haein' the burst Friday an' Seterday, an' A'll tell ye about it a' in ma next letter.

Hamish an Jeanie want tae ken what ye're sendin them fur the New Year, an' Wullie sends his respecs.

A' ma guid wishes an' mair next week.

Ye're freen,
MAGGIE MACKAY.

X from Hamish.
X from Jeanie.

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THE GOSSIP'S IMPRESSION OF THE EXHIBITION OF THE SKETCH CLUB.

Knowing that the pictures exhibited by the members of the Sketch Club would be fully criticized, by the regular staff of the Hongkong papers, I had thought to observe a discreet silence as to my opinions, but as I still find things to say that have not been said, I will add my impressions to those already expressed. To begin with, I am going to get on to the local critics, and say that I utterly deprecate the system of mentioning by name, any amateur whose work is considered so bad that it merits nothing but severe criticism. Such a criticism when accompanied by the name of the artist, tends to humiliate and to discourage a most laudable desire to keep alive the spirit of art and endeavour without which life is likely to become dull and uninteresting in a place cut off from any spur to artistic and intellectual development.

A grave responsibility is entailed by any one who sets up to be a critic of art or music, without years of training, and I should be sorry personally to think that any artist might have been put off or discouraged by indiscreet and over severe criticism.

An institution such as the Sketch Club is a credit to Hongkong and every one of its members deserves admiration for working and striving as they do to keep the society alive, in spite of the many changes in the personnel of its membership, through people leaving the Colony on leave or for good. The annual exhibitions are an excellent object for work and I should be glad to hear that the monthly meetings had been resumed, as the regular criticisms, given privately but with perfect frankness, was bound to be to the advantage of all concerned. I agree with Adversaria's suggestion that it would be better to concentrate on a few good exhibits, and it would not be a bad idea if at the monthly shows a sort of preliminary judgment was given when artists might be told, whether in the opinion of the judges their work merited a place, at a public exhibition.

Taking the exhibition as a whole the work was surprisingly good.

I think the critics might have paid more attention to the work of Monsieur Hauchecorne, for it would be difficult to see a finer collection, of one man's work in the modern art galleries of Europe. In Monsieur Hauchecorne's work every line, every touch, shows feeling, truth and observation and above all that genius of temperamental art which seems to belong exclusively to the French nation. His modelled figures are alive and grip the imagination, so that they remained mirrored in the mind to be revisualized at will. Without this power to grip and hold no work of art can achieve immortality. Lieut.-Colonel Loring's work has had so much unstinted praise, that I feel I may safely and without appearing too critical, suggest that it is a pity that an artist of such energy in production and such skill in drawing and detail, does not go in for greater variety in his subjects. His reason for painting so many junks in more or less the same setting may be that when people are collecting pictures of Hongkong they like something typical of the place and there is no denying the fascination of those wonderful red gold sails and prehistoric looking vessels. But from the point of view of artistic satisfaction one would be interested to see his endeavours along other lines.

Monsieur Reau's decorative panels were interesting, bold in design and rather splendid in conception of colouring, though I personally thought that his yellow cloud behind the pines was rather woolly.

I liked Mrs. Britton's clever water colours with their atmosphere of English country, especially the mill stream and the lovely reflections in the water. As examples of training and technique they were easily the best water colour landscapes in the exhibition.

Mrs. McPherson who gained four prizes and sportingly refused to accept more than one showed seventeen pictures, all the result of one year's work, and not one having the mark of hurried work or pot-boiling. Every one is the expression of conviction and true artistic feeling and every one in its own line must make a strong appeal to those interested in the craft or art of painting.

The night scenes in Hongkong caused a certain amount of discussion, some people thinking the colouring too blue for accuracy, but to my mind she has thoroughly grasped that wonderful feeling of mystery which seems to hang about the mountain island in the late evening as the lights gradually show up against the sombre background. Here and there her lines of light seem to wander rather haphazardly and look as if they had been filled in from memory rather than from actual observation for one seldom detects any inaccuracy in her treatment of any subject.

Mrs. McPherson, like Monsieur Hauchecorne, possesses the gift of the true artist of feeling and meaning something while she paints and though no one claims perfection for her work, her merits are beyond dispute.

Mrs. Basil Taylour sent in some interesting and pathetic reminders of all the sadness and sorrows that have been endured in France. I seem to remember having read somewhere, that she had sent too many, considering the propaganda and the appeal for sympathy and help. Speaking from every one of those pictures, they easily deserve greater attention than has been bestowed upon them.

Mrs. Taylour's pictures are all worked up from sketches done during the years she worked in France, in hospitals and in other ways. There are little groups of men or women telling their tale of bravely borne adversity; there are sketches of ruins; there is the strong appeal to romantic chivalry in the figure of Jean D'Arc, before Rheims Cathedral. Every picture, is fraught with pathos for the eyes of those who have not deliberately steeled themselves against all memory of the war and its horrors.

Apart from its patriotic and romantic value, Mrs. Taylour's work indicates skill and artistic handling and is clearly the work of a woman who has devoted years to the study of her art. Her designs for book covers are delightful in their delicacy of colouring and accuracy of line and drawing.

One or two of Miss Parker's pictures were full of atmosphere and feeling. She has considerable talent and taste, but her handling is rather heavy and her colouring might be clearer. I should be interested to see the result of more attention to technique.

—THE GOSSIP.

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When a Chinese was this morning charged before Mr. Wood with the unlawful possession of 58½ taels of opium, he pleaded not guilty.

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Mr. M. K. Lo asked his Worship for a remand saying his brother was engaged in chambers this morning and could not go on with the case. He was not in a position to defend the case himself as he was not instructed on the facts. He understood that the defence would be a complete denial of possession.

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HONGKONG DISTRICT SCHOOLS' SPORTS.

The annual athletic meeting of the Hongkong District Schools was held yesterday at the Sookumpoo Valley. As early as 10.30 a.m. there was a large crowd of pupils present, and the members of the committee were making ready everything for a start. The schools represented in the events were:—Ellis Kadoorie, Saiyingpun, Yaumati, Wanchai and Praya East. There was a lengthy programme. The Yaumati School carried off the Ellis Kadoorie Championship Shield with 69 points, and also the Chamber of Commerce Cup.

H.E. the Governor with his A.D.C. arrived on the ground before 5 p.m. and was met by Mr. C. Mycock, the Hon. Secretary. At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. Mycock, before asking His Excellency to distribute the prizes, said it was intended by the promoters to give the boys some training before they competed in the combined schools sports. He wished to thank the Committee of the Indian Recreation Club for the loan of the Pavilion, and the P.W.D. for the use of the ground.

His Excellency then presented the prizes as follow:—

Group 1. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Kwok Shi; 2, Shek Wing Kwan; 3, Tsang Chi Wa.

Group 2. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Ng Tse Hing; 2, Lui Tak; 3, U Wai Sit.

Group 3. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Leung Wa Kwan; 2, Chan Kwang Yu; 3, Lau Shek Kan.

Group 4. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Wong Chuen Shi; 2, Cheung Kwok Pang; 3, Abraham.

Group 5. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Ip Kam Hun; 2, Tse Shu Ming; 3, Kwok Hong Hung.

Group 6. Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Leung Ho In; 2, Ho Sheung Po; 3, Ng Wai Man.

Group 1. High Jump.—1, Shek Wing Kwai; 2, Tsang Che Wai; 3, Wong Cheung Chun.

Group 2. High Jump.—1, Lui Tak; 2, Cheuk Choi; 3, So Wai Tuk.

Group 3. High Jump.—1, Chai Kwong In; 2, Un Shu Kwong.

Group 4. High Jump.—1, Wong Chuen Shing; 2, Chan Kwai Sang; 3, Fu King Tak.

Group 5. High Jump.—1, Choi Hin Kuen; 2, Chang Wing Yui; 3, Ip Kam Mun.

Group 1. Long Jump.—Wong Tsung Chung; 2, Shek Wing Kwan; 3, Li Fong Wai.

Group 2. Long Jump.—1, So Wai Fuk; 2, Lui Tak; 3, Ng Tse Hing.

Group 3. Long Jump.—1, Chan Kwong Iu; 2, Leung Wa Kwai; 3, Lau Sat Kan.

Group 4. Long Jump.—1, Chung Kwok Ping; 2, Chan Kwong Sheng; 3, Fu King Tak.

Group 5. Long Jump.—1, Kwok Hon Hung; 2, Tse She Ming; 3, Chan Tak Sang.

Group 1. Three Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Shek Wing Kwan; 2, Fok Pak Un; 3, Ma Ping Wa.

Group 2. Three Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Chan Tai Kan; 2, Chan Wan Man; 3, Ng Tze Hing.

Group 3. Three Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Hu Kwok Chuen; 2, Lo Fung Cheung; 3, Ip Hong Fuk.

Group 4. Two Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Wong Chuen Shing; 2, Chan Chim Ming; 3, Li Wong.

Group 5. Two Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Kwok Hon Hung; 2, Ip Kam Mun; 3, Chan Chung In.

Group 6. Two Hundred Yards Flat.—1, Leung Ho In; 2, Ho Sheung Po; 3, Ng Wai Man.

Group 1. Hurdle Race.—1, Kwok Sha; 2, Shek Wing Kwan; 3, Yeung Kwok Chung.

Group 2. Hurdle Race.—1, Ng Kam Chun; 2, Yeung Ping Kwai; 3, Ng Po Lan.

Group 3. Hurdle Race.—1, Chang Kwong Iu; 2, Leung Wa Kwan; 3, Leung Sui Man.

Three Hundred Yards Flat Race for Indians.—1, D. Mohamed; 2, M. Jakorh; 3, Altaf Hussain.

Tug-of-War.—Ellis Kadoorie School.

Team Race Senior.—Saiyingpun School.

Team Race Junior.—Yaumati School.

Two Hundred Yards Flat Race for Indians.—1, Mitchell; 2, T. Hamet; 3, Abdul Karim.

Chinese Masters' Race.—1, Lau Ying Cheung; 2, Ng Chung San; 3, Lam Kwan San.

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And whether this would not be awkward for some of our taipans?

How soon the Coronet will have "Change of Programme Daily" on the advertisements?

Who put all the gun-cotton in the harbour?

What truth there is in the rumour that the Governor favours increase of pay for Europeans, but not for Chinese and Eurasians?

How the Intercepted Letters were Intercepted?

And what the Post Office people had to say?

If it is true that eighteen Bolsheviks have gained admittance to the Colony since September 18, disguised in clean shaves and passports?

Whether a kind hearted Official has offered outside work to the Wilts men?

When a decent pub is going to open?

Whether the other papers live entirely on the waste paper value of the copies returned?

M. E.

VICKERS' CHINESE NOTES.

Lloyds Bank, Ltd., have been authorised by Messrs. Vickers, Ltd., to receive applications for the purchase of £1,803,300 eight per cent. Treasury notes in bonds of £100, £500, and £1,000 each, at the price of £98 per cent. These notes are being issued to Vickers, Ltd., by the Chinese Government by an agreement dated the 1st of October, 1919, by which Vickers are to undertake the supply of commercial aeroplanes, and to build the necessary aerodromes, hangars, &c., in connection therewith. The Treasury notes are a direct and unconditional obligation of the Chinese Government and are redeemable by drawings at par in five equal instalments, beginning on the 1st October 1925, and in October in each year until the whole amount is redeemend. The Chinese Government have a good reputation for financial engagements, and the issue would seem a very sound one. The Treasury notes and interest will be payable in London in pounds sterling at Lloyds Bank, and are free from all present or future Chinese taxes. —*Journal of Commerce*.

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m....Every 15 minutes
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m....Every 10 minutes.
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General Managers.

BANKS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ...	$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—	
Sterling: £1,500,000 @ 2/- =	$15,000,000
Silver	$1,000,000
	$30,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ...	$15,000,000

Court of Directors
J. A. Plummer, Esq.—Chairman.
Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr,—Deputy Chairman.
J. W. C. Bonnar, Esq. — F. H. Holycak, Esq.
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C. S. Gubbay, Esq. — Ross Thomson, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—N. J. STABB, Esq.

MANAGER:
Shanghai—A. G. STEPHEN, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON COUNTY & WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
„ 6 „ 3½ „ „
„ 12 „ 4 „ „
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 26, 1919.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 14, 1918.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.
(FRENCH BANK).
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... F. 150,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ... „ $7,500,000
(1/3 of the Capital, *i.e.*, Francs 25,000,000 subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic).
Chairman of the Board of Directors ... André Berthelot.
General Manager ... A. J. Pernotte.
HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.
BRANCHES:
PEKING, SAIGON, SHANGHAI, HAIPHONG, TIENTSIN, YUNNANFU, HONGKONG, VLADIVOSTOCK, HANOI, FOOCHOW, CANTON, MARSEILLE.
BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: The London County Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd. The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
In NEW YORK: Redmond & Co. Correspondents in the chief commercial centres of the World.
Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Special facilities for French exchange.
M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH:
Queen's Buildings,
5, Chater Road. Tel. 2440
Hongkong, March 31, 1919.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.
(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)
ESTABLISHED 1824.

Authorized Capital	F. 100,000,000 £8,333,333
Paid-Up Capital	F. 80,000,000 £6,666,666
Reserve Fund...	F. 14,590,545 £1,215,879
Special Reserve	F. 17,000,000 £1,416,666

HEAD OFFICE—Amsterdam.
Branches at
The Hague Rotterdam
HEAD AGENCY—Batavia.
Branches:

Bandjermasin	Rangoon
Bandoeng	Samarang
Cheribon	Shanghai
Djember	Singapore
Djokjakarta	Soerabaia
Kota-Radja	Soerakarta (Solo)
Macassar	Langsa
Medan	Tebing Tinggi (Deli)
Padang	Togal
Palembang	Telok Betong
Pekalongan	Tjilatjap
Penang	Weltevreden
Pontianak	

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco &c. &c.
LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.
The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.
J. F. VAN REES,
Manager.
Hongkong, Sept. 30, 1919.

BANKS

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.
HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London E.C. 3.

Capital Authorised and Subscribed	£1,500,000
Paid-up	750,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ...	785,700
Reserve Liability of Shareholders	750,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
BRANCHES:

Bombay	Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Calcutta	Howrah	Madras	Shanghai
Colombo	Kandy	New York	Singapore
Delhi	Karachi	Penang	
Galle	Kota Bharu	Port Louis (Mauritius)	

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 3 per cent per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. SANDES,
Acting Manager.
7 Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, December 11, 1919.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
HEAD OFFICE.—HONGKONG.
ESTABLISHED 1912.

Paid-up Capital	$2,000,000
Reserves and Undivided Profits	500,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 Months 3% per annum.
For 6 Months 4% per annum.
For 12 Months 4½% per annum.
LOCK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 10, 1919.

THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行
(Specially authorised in China by Presidential Mandate of 22nd November, 1917).
Authorised Capital ... $60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... 13,379,800.00
Reserve Funds ... 3,127,400.00
HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.
BRANCHES AND SUB-BRANCHES:
PEKING: Haiting, Tungchow. NORTH: Miyun, Chohsien, Fahsien Niulansan, Hsuanhua. CHIHLI: Tientsin, Paotingfu, Lutai, Tsinhsien, Sangfang, Shuntehfu, Tangshan, Tangfang, Cholinhsien, Weinsien. MANCHURIA: Changchun, Moukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, Newchang, Liaoyuanchow, Heiho, Hsinmingfu, Tsonanfu, Harbin, Dalny, Antung, Tiehling, Chinghsien, Sifeng, Hulan, Suiwafu, Hailunfu, Ninguta, Kungchuling, Liaoyang Fuyu, Yenchi, Kaipingsien. HUPEH: Hankow, Shasi, Ichang. HUNAN: Changsha. KIANGSU: Shanghai, Nanking, Soochow, Yangchow, Chingkiang, Wusih, Hsuchowfu, Tungchow. SOUTH: Tsinkiangpo. SHANTUNG: Tsinan, Tsingtao, Chefoo, Tenghsien, Lintsinhsien. SHANSI: Taiyuanfu, Yunsheng, Sinkiahsien, Tatungfu. HONAN: Kaifeng, Chowkiakow, Hsuhsien. KWANGTUNG: Hongkong, Canton, Swatow, Kiungchow. FUKIEN: Foochow, Amoy, Hankong, Chuanchowfu, Changchowfu, Santuao. CHEKIANG: Hanchow, Shaohsing, Huchowfu, Kashing, Wenchow, Ningpo, Lanchi, Yuyao, Haimen. KIANGSI: Nanchang, Kiukiang, Kanchowfu, Chintehchen, Chiao. ANWHEI: Wuhu, Anking, Pangkow, Luchowfu, Tatung Tungki, Luan. SZECHUEN: KUEICHOW: Wweifangfu. SHANSI: Sianfu, Hangchungfu. SUIYUAN: Kwaihwating Paotowchen. CHAHAR: Kalgan Fengchen, URGA: Urga, Hailatao.
HONGKONG BRANCH.
Interest allowed on current accounts and fixed Deposits. Terms on application. Every description of Banking Business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for home exchange.
TSUYEE PEI,
Manager.
Hongkong, Feb. 25, 1919.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.,
(TAIWAN GINKO).
INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed...	Yen 60,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ...	„ 27,500,000.
Reserve Funds	„ 7,030,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.
BRANCHES:
JAPAN—Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Moji.
FORMOSA—Giran, Kagi, Karenko, Keelung, Makung, Nanto, Pinan, Shinchiku, Taichu, Tainan, Takow, Tamsui, Tobyen, Ako.
CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Kiukiang, Amoy, Foochow, Swatow, Canton.
OTHERS—Bangkok, Hongkong, Singapore, Soerabaya, Semarang, Batavia, Bombay, London, New York.
LONDON BANKERS:
London County, Westminster and Parr's Bank.
The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.
SEIZO KONDOH,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH:
2, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong, November 1, 1919.

BANKS

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL	£1,200,000
RESERVE FUND	£1,200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS	£1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. L. CROCKATT,
Manager.
Hongkong, April 7, 1919.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.
HEAD OFFICE:
No. 9 Queen's Road Central.
PAID-UP CAPITAL $5,000,000.
DIRECTORS:
Mr. Fung Wai Ting.—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Kan Ying Po,
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Chan Kai Ming,
Mr. Mok Ching Kong, Mr. Fung Ping Shan,
Mr. Wong Yan Tong, Mr. P. K. Kwok,
Mr. Chan Ching Shak, Mr. Ng Chung Lak.
CHIEF MANAGER.....Kan Tong Po.
ASST. MANAGER.....Li Tse Fong.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.
Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of TWO per cent. per Annum and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum.
KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 12, 1919.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE
(FRENCH BANK).
HEAD OFFICE:
19bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.
Capital ... Frs 40,000,000
Reserves ... „ 50,000,000
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

HAIPHONG	HONGKONG	SAIGON
HAIPHONG PORT	MONGKAY	SHANGHAI
CANTON	NOUMEA	SOUTH SEAS
DJIBOUTI	PAKHOI	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE
HANKOW	PEKIN-PEKIN	VLADIVOSTOCK
HANOI	PONDICHERY	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais, Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industrial et Commercial; Societe Generale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
L. BERINDOAGUE,
Manager.
Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1919.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.
ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ...	Yen 100,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	„ 61,000,000
RESERVE FUND	„ 28,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.
BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT

BATAVIA	NEWCHWANG
BOMBAY	NEW YORK
BUENOS AYRES	OSAKA
CALCUTTA	PEKIN
CHANGCHUN	RANGOON
DAIREN (DAIRY)	SAN FRANCISCO
FENGTIEN (MUKDEN)	SEATTLE
HANKOW	SHANGHAI
HONGKONG	SINGKONG
HARBIN	SINGAPORE
KAI YUEN	SOERABAYA
KOBE	SYDNEY
LONDON	TIENTSIN
LOS ANGELES	TOKIO
LYONS	TSINANFU
MANILA	VLADIVOSTOCK
NAGASAKI	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts.
Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
G. HASHIDZUME,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 8, 1919.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.
WHICH ARE VERSED THE SHARE
THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.
AND
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December 1918 £33,970,367.

I—Authorised Capital	£6,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£4,500,000
Paid-up Capital ...	£2,437,500
II—Fire Funds ...	2,837,062
III—Life & Annuity Funds ...	17,567,580
Sinking Fund Account ...	128,000
	£22,970,369
Revenue Fire Branch ...	£2,281,457
„ Life and Annuity Branches ...	2,141,133
Revenue Marine Department ...	237,377
Other Receipts ...	473,945
	£5,132,912

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.
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Agents.

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6000 MILE
CORD TIRES

QUALITY in a tire is not appreciated until it asserts itself through long continued trouble-free performance.

The gauge to this service is the mileage total recorded when the casing finally is discarded.

The notable achievement of nine *stock* tires which, put to *official* finish test by the Automobile Club of America, *averaged 6,760 miles*, definitely established the unusual quality of Vacuum Cup Tires.

The rainy day *certified* test of the Pittsburgh Taxicab Company—in which a heavy car equipped with Vacuum Cup Tires was driven around a wet corner at 25 miles an hour without skidding—conclusively proved the *guaranteed* ability of the Vacuum Cup tread to resist skidding on wet, slippery pavements.

In addition to this proved driving safety and the mileage *guarantee*—per warranty tag—of *6,000 miles*, Vacuum Cup Tires are reasonably priced. They cost approximately the same as ordinary 3,500 mile tires and much less than other makes carrying equal mileage surety.

SPECIAL PRICES.
ON SIZES AVAILABLE FROM STOCK IN HONGKONG.

Clincher.	Price Tires.	Each Tubes.
30" × 3½"	30.00	4.00
31" × 4"	47.50	5.50
Straight Side.		
32" × 3½"	35.00	4.50
33" × 4"	52.50	6.00

Less discount:—5 days 2½%, 30 days Net.

Makers also of Pennsylvania Auto Tubes "Ton Tested"

PENNSYLVANIA RUBBER COMPANY, Jeannette, Pa.

GERIN, DREVARD & CO.
Telephone 114. Sole Agents in South China.

WEATHER REPORT.

December 19th, 12h. 13m.—No returns from Vladivostock or Japanese stations. Pressure has increased considerably at Shanghai and Weihaiwei, and slightly at all other reporting stations.

The anticyclone has strengthened.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 76.14 inches, against an average of 83.66 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on December 20th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, strong; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Bias Bay. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 19, 1919.—a.m.

Station	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
Vladivostock	8 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	8 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishigima	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sodmi Island	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	8 a.	30.54	28	58	NW	6	b
Hankow	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ichang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Changsha	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	,,	30.53	28	98	WNW	1	b
Gutzlaff	,,	30.46	38	84	N	4	b
Sharp Pk	7 a.	30.22	50	75	WSW	1	o
Amoy	8 a.	30.25	52	83	ENE	4	b
Swatow	,,	30.22	51	100	NE	1	b
Taihoku	8 a.	30.27	55	96	ENE	4	o
Taichu	,,	30.15	55	—	—	—	o
Tainan	,,	30.15	57	—	N	4	o
Koshun	,,	30.12	66	—	NE	6	b
Pescadores	,,	30.19	61	—	NNE	7	o
Canton	8 a.	30.23	57	69	N	2	o
Hongkong	,,	30.20	60	68	E	4	o
Cap Rock	,,	30.16	—	—	ENE	5	c
Macao	,,	30.18	59	81	NNE	2	o
Wuchow	8 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Haiphong	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	7 a.	30.15	51	91	NNW	2	o
Tourane	,,	30.07	68	—	ESE	4	b
C. St. James	,,	29.88	71	—	E	4	b
Aparri	8 a.	30.02	72	80	ENE	2	o
Dagupan	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	,,	29.84	73	93	—	0	b
Legaspi	,,	29.93	77	68	NNE	4	o
Tacloban	,,	—	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	,,	29.86	77	93	N	2	o
Surigao	,,	29.89	77	92	ESE	4	r
Guam	8 a.	29.84	—	—	SW	4	o
Labuan	8 a.	29.79	78	94	E	2	b

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 12, 1919.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast p passing showers, q squal, r rain, s snow t thunder v visibility w dew, wet.

7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 6 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the side gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

December 20 to 26, 1919.

Day	Date	High Water. Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water. Hongkong Mean Time	Hours.
		h m	feet	h m	sec
Sat.	20	m 0 12	6.6	m 7 41	1.9
		7 51 a	7.4	1 20 a	2.6
Sun.	21	m 10 2	6.6	m 8 16	1.5
		h 1 a	7.6	1 57 a	2.5
Mon.	22	m 10 46	6.6	m 8 50	1.5
		h 46 a	7.6	2 32 a	2.5
Tues.	23	m 11 28	6.6	3 5 a	1.0
		9 10 a	7.9	3 5 a	2.3
Wed.	24	m 11 56	7.5	m 6 2	0.3
		9 52 a	7.9	3 37 a	2.7
Thurs.	25	0 25 a	6.4	m 5 35	1.0
		10 30 a	7.8	4 8 a	2.7
Fri.	26	0 54 a	6.5	m 6 11	1.3
		11 11 a	7.2	6 46 a	2.5

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(By arrangement with *Wah Tsz Yat Po.*)

SHANGHAI, Dec. 18.

Lau Kang Yan, the newly appointed Minister to Tokyo, has formally tendered his resignation.

Li Hau Ki, the Fukien Tuchun, in a telegram to the Peking Government, says that important evidence has been obtained in the Foochow case.

The Minister of Education has issued instructions to all Principals of colleges and schools ordering them to warn their students not to take any illegal action.

The China Bank recommends that the Government should issue $40,000,000 special bonds for the specie payment of the Bank.

The Military and Police authorities have decided to prohibit raids on shops for Japanese goods.

The Yunnan, Hunan and Kwongtung Tuchuns have jointly wired to Kan Wan Pang asking why he should make loans while peace is not yet made.

The Peking Government has granted Dr. Wellington Koo a descretionary power to sign the German Peace Treaty.

The Foreign Relations Committee has decided that the Foochow case be dealt with in Peking.

General Chu Tsang proposes to raise a huge loan by issuing domestic bonds for the extension of the Peking—Suiyang railway to Urga.

Chow Tsze Chai announces that the negotiation for a $24,000 loan is nearing completion.

CHARGED WITH WILFUL MURDER.

RE-ARRESTED PRISONER IN DOCK.

Wong Kwong, the re-arrested prisoner, was this morning brought before Mr. J. R. Wood charged with the wilful murder, with others not in custody, of the late Warders Speed and Harnam Singh at the Victoria Jail on the morning of the 15th inst.

His Worship: Do you understand the charge?

Defendant: Yes.

The case was remanded to the 26th at 10 a.m.

A "SHANGHAIED" CEYLON COOLIE.

A Singalese was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning on a charge of being a vagrant.

Inspector Kent said the defendant was a coal coolie in Colombo and was working on board the s.s. "Trasos Montes," when he went to sleep in the bunker. When he awoke, he found that the ship was in the middle of the sea. He landed here with the Wiltshire Regiment and had stayed at the barracks until a few days ago when he was handed over to the Police. The Captain of the ship left him stranded here.

His Worship: Does he speak English?—No, your Worship, but there is a reporter present in court who can speak Singalese.

His Worship told the Inspector to make arrangements to have the defendant sent back to his country.

EUROPEAN SERGEANT'S DEATH.

The death is recorded of Sergeant Woolford of the Water Police, which occurred at the Government Civil Hospital at noon to-day. The deceased officer was admitted into hospital a fortnight ago with typhoid fever. He was 35 years of age, and joined the Force in 1911. He was a capable officer, and his untimely loss will be greatly felt by many of his friends, and brother officers. The funeral takes place this evening, the cortege passing the Monument at 5 p.m.

The *China Mail* learns that the Rev. F. Cooper Hunt, a former Chaplain of the Forces here and a well known tennis player, is in hospital at Liverpool. He had secured an appointment in Bermuda and was on his way to join the ship when he was taken ill.

A Chinese who was banished from the Colony because he was a member of a secret society, returned to the Colony on the 16th inst. He was "spotted" by a constable and arrested. This morning he told Mr. Wood that he returned to ask a friend for the loan of some money with which to start business in the country. Sentence of twelve months' hard labour was passed.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.O.S. Co's R.M.S. *Moniteagle* arrived at Kobe on Dec. 18, 10 a.m., left there Dec. 19, 11 a.m., and is due at Moji on Dec. 20, 9 a.m.

The C.P.O.S. Co's S.S. *Methven* leaves Singapore Dec. 19, and is due at Hongkong on Dec. 27.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benlawers* from Antwerp, Middlesbro' and London, left Singapore for this port on 16th instant, and may be expected to arrive here on or about 26th idem.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tensho Maru* (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 18th Dec., and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

NOTICES.

JOHN TULLIS & SON LIMITED—GLASGOW.

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